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Docket No.: 05542/073001  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Arvind D. Patel et al.

Application No.: 10/647,737

Confirmation No.: 2299

Filed: August 25, 2003

Art Unit: 1712

For: FLAT RHEOLOGY DRILLING FLUIDS

Examiner: C. R. Richard

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to and including September 3, 2005 to respond to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2005.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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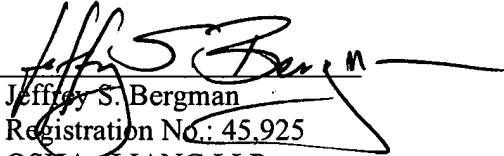
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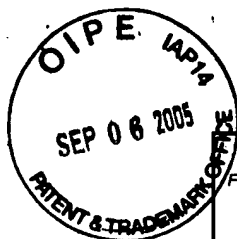
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filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 05542/073001.

Dated: September 6, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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| <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b><br><b>For FY 2005</b>   |  | Application Number       | 10/647,737-Conf. #2299 |
|  |  | Filing Date              | August 25, 2003        |
|  |  | First Named Inventor     | Arvind D. Patel        |
|  |  | Examiner Name            | C. R. Richard          |
|  |  | Art Unit                 | 1712                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27                             |  | Attorney Docket No.      | 05542/073001           |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b>   |  | <b>(\$)</b>              | <b>120.00</b>          |

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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

| Application Type | FILING FEES |                       | SEARCH FEES |                       | EXAMINATION FEES |                       | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 600              | 300                   |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                   | 0           | 0                     | 0                | 0                     |                |

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

| Fee Description                                    | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|--|----------|-----------------------|
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)            | 50       | 25                    |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200      | 100                   |
| Multiple dependent claims                          | 360      | 180                   |

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|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <u>Total Claims</u>  | <u>Extra Claims</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> | <u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> |
| 17                   | - 20 =              | x               | =                    |                                  |                 |                      |
| <u>Indep. Claims</u> | <u>Extra Claims</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> |                                  |                 |                      |
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**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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|---------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Total Sheets</u> | <u>Extra Sheets</u> | <u>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u>                | <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> |
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

|   |  |                       |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)                     |  | <u>Fees Paid (\$)</u> |
| Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1251 Extension for response within first month |  | 120.00                |

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| <b>SUBMITTED BY</b> |                    |                                   |                   |
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